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1. WALTER SIMONS (ICP SECRETARIAT) HAS INFORMED US THAT
MEETING OF ICP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BEING CALLED FOR JULY 24
AT GENEVA TO HEAR REPORT FROM UNDP ADMINISTRATOR ON UNDP
GOVERNING COUNCIL TREATMENT OF PROPOSED UNDP-ICP ARRANGEME-
NTS AND TO CONSIDER VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE POSSIBLE OPTIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO SIMONS, WALDHEIM MET JULY 5 WITH
MORSE AND SIR GEORGE BISHOP, CHAIRMAN OF ICP EXECUTIVE COM-
MITTEE TO REVIEW POSITION IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS AT UNDP
GOVERNING COUNCIL. UPSHOT OF MEETING WAS STATEMENT BY
WALDHEIM THAT HE WISHED MORSE FURTHER TO EXPLORE POSSI-
BILITIES OF A SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF FINDING ANOTHER
HOME FOR ICP.

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3. SIMONS NOTED THAT VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN AD-
VANCED (E.G., BY SOME DELS DURING THE 25TH UNDP GOVERNING
COUNCIL) WHICH WOULD LINK ICP TO UNIDO RATHER THAN UNDP.
HE REPORTED THAT ICP SECRETARIAT WAS BEING STRONGLY PRESS-
ED BY THE EASTERN EUROPEANS TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION.
(AS DEPT AWARE ICP HAS CZECH, POLISH AND HUNGARIAN PARTI-

CIPANTS). SIMONS SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS THE US MIGHT HAVE ON THIS POSSIBILITY ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT UNIDO DID NOT RATE HIGHLY WITH MUCH OF THE WESTERN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND HE DOUBTED ICP WOULD BE PREPARED TO LINK ITSELF SOLELY WITH UNIDO. SIMONS ALSO INDICATED THAT ICP SECRETARIAT WAS WONDERING ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF A LINK TO SOME SORT OF "CONSORTIUM" OF UN AGENCIES (E.G. UNIDO, THE UN DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE WORLD BANK) BUT ADMITTED THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH AND THAT THE MECHANICS OF SUCH RELATIONSHIP WERE DIFFICULT TO ENVISAGE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE NOTED THAT SIR GEORGE BISHOP HAD MADE TWO STIPULATIONS TO WALDHEIM: (A) THAT ICP PARTICIPATION IN THE UN SYSTEM BE WANTED BY MEMBER STATES AND THAT IT NOT MERELY BE "TOLERATED" AND (B) THAT THE ICP HAVE A SERVICE UNIT LOCATED SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT AS WAS THE CASE IN FAO.

4. COMMENT: WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE ICP AND THAT IT WOULD WISH TO ENCOURAGE IT TO CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR AN ACCEPTABLE AND APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIP TO THE UN SYSTEM. ANY THOUGHTS DEPARTMENT OR VIENNA MAY HAVE ON DESIRABILITY OF ENCOURAGING A LINK WITH UNIDO OR WITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE SYSTEM AS INDICATED BY SIMON WOULD BE APPRECIATED. AT THIS STAGE IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO RESSURECT THE PROPOSED UNDP-ICP LINK IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. SIMONS IS RETURNING BRIEFLY TO NEW YORK BEFORE ATTENDING THE JULY 24 ICP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT HE CONTACT NORRIS IO/DHP IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO HAVE A FIRST-HAND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH USG OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THIS MATTER. VANDEN HEUVEL

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